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Ashland's Parks Well Described

Following are extracts from a letter published in the Daily Gazette-Times of Corvallis. The letter was written to the paper by Mr. N. R. Moore, who spent several days here gathering data. The letter is long, so is not published in full. Following this letter was another in the next issue of the Corvallis paper drawing lessons from Ashland's achievement and suggesting ways in which Corvallis might benefit from them:

"Gazette-Times: In recent editorial comment about what Corvallis might do to make this city of special interest to touring autoists, reference was made to the preparedness of Ashland in this respect. I wonder how many, other than the very few Corvallis autoists who have partaken of the Ashland hospitality, know just what the altogether charming and progressive city at the base of the Siskiyou has done to induce auto parties to tarry a while, spend a few dollars perhaps, and take away with them a splendid impression of the opportunities and attractions that city has to offer.

"For those who do not know, let me cite the fact that less than two years ago Ashland bonded for \$175,000 for the development of lithia springs there. Elsewhere over the United States and in foreign countries medicinal springs have attracted not only the dyspeptics and gamblers, but capitalists as well, with the result that great hotels have risen and small towns have grown into large communities and waxed fat on the coin of those who will travel far and spend generously in their effort to patch up worn-out tummies, dried up livers, gauged kidneys and paralyzed gizzards. Hot Springs, Arkansas, French Lick, Indiana, Carlsbad and Wiesbaden, etc., are instances.

"I wish I might give the details of the wonderful park that has been developed about these two lithia springs, but suffice it to say that one block from the heart of the business section, along dashing, bounding, billowy Ashland creek, Nature provided a parksite that Chicago or New York or Philadelphia would give a million dollars to possess. Ashland took eighty acres of this that lies adjoining the national reserve leading up to snow-crowned Ashland peak, and is spending most of that \$175,000 thereon. Given such a site, a hundred thousand dollars will do much, and working under plans provided by MacLaren, landscapist for Golden Gate park and the Panama-Pacific exposition, one of that famous artist's best men seems to be giving the Ashlanders full value for their money.

"The point I want to get to is that part of the wonderful park devoted to autoists. In getting to Lithia park the stroller passes from the

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Third Oregon To Be Mustered Out Soon

Late advices from Washington state that the third Oregon regiment will be mustered out as soon as practicable and returned to the status of national guard troops. The troops are now at the mobilization camp at Clackamas, having recently returned from near the Mexican border. The officers in command at the camp have set October 1 as the tentative date on which to muster out the first company under the orders of September 7 from the war department.

Mustering out will be about as much of a task as mustering in. Each member must sign the roll and pass a physical inspection. The individual records of each man will be made out in duplicate and the copies that go to the federal mustering officer have to be signed twice by him—really signed, not rubber stamped, according to report.

Under the new orders the following regiments are designated for mustering out: Second and seventy-first New York, first and fourth New Jersey, fourth Maryland, first and second Illinois, first and third Missouri, fifth California, third Oregon, second Washington and first Louisiana. All are infantry regiments.

The order involves about 15,000 troops. When mustered out they will go to their homes unless required by the governors of the states, under whose commands they will then be, to stay mobilized for any reason.

Billings' Statement On Road Matter

In an interview with Mr. G. F. Billings this forenoon he made the following statements to a Tidings reporter relative to the situation on the proposed change in the Pacific Highway near his place, where it is desired to eliminate the grade crossing over the railroad:

"The situation is simply this. That Billings and Billings made a proposition to the county commissioners and the city of Ashland about July 15, 1915, agreeing to let them have a right-of-way for the Wright's creek route on very liberal terms. One condition was that the farm crossing known as the Myer crossing should be vacated and a similar crossing granted at the place where the present highway passes over the railroad track (the old road was to be vacated).

"It seems that in taking up the matter of an underground crossing with the railroad company the county officials neglected to include the matter of the private crossing with the other matters to be considered between the county and the railroad company. The railroad company passed upon the matters which were brought to its attention, and when it was discovered that the private crossing matter had been overlooked it was taken up with the company, who sent down a contract for a private farm crossing which seems to have been made wholly in the interest of the railroad company and ignoring the rights of the party needing the crossing. Even the high officials of the county are not at all surprised that the company's crossing proposal was not accepted.

"There seems to be no good reason why it is not as well for the company to grant as liberal a crossing as the one which would be surrendered."

A County Fair For Everybody

The Jackson County Fair at Medford this week is for everybody. It begins on Wednesday, and anyone who can not find a place for himself or something to enjoy must be a little out of tune or hard to please. If he raises anything he can find a place for it at the fair, whether it walks on two legs or four, or crawls over the ground like a pumpkin vine or on a trellis with the grapes and berries. Or, if it doesn't navigate at all except up through the moist earth toward the blue sky to bear a pod of beans, a juicy tomato, a sunflower or a rose; or if it is plucked from the bough of some beautiful green tree, like a ruddy cheeked apple or a golden pear, to sweeten the tongue of the lover of good things to eat; or if it dwells among the lowliest with the cabbage heads and the dead beets, still there is a place for it at the fair, and if it has been properly raised and cared for it may draw a prize for the lucky owner.

If a person has nothing to take but his own poor self it may pay him to go. He might see or hear something that would do him good. He might learn something new. He might find out a better way to plant a row of peas, build a hen coop or feed a cow. The possibilities are great for the man who goes with a purpose and it is doubtful if even the aimless and purposeless could find a better place in which to spend their time.

The boys and girls will have a high old time anyway, this is sure. They know a good thing when they see it, they want to win out at everything they undertake, and they want to undertake everything that holds promise of enjoyment. They should be encouraged to go and engage in the activities planned for them. In fact, take it all in all, everybody should go, have a good and profitable time and return home better equipped to buckle down for another strenuous, happy and profitable year.

Watt Buys Out Lowery Shares

Dave Watt of Butte, Mont., who has been spending the summer in Ashland, has bought out Mr. Lowery's share in the Hungry creek claims owned by Messrs. Lowery, Watt and Dave Good. Mr. Lowery has returned to Butte, Mont. The Montana men are both greatly pleased with Ashland.

Ashland Day at County Fair, Medford, Friday, Sept. 15th

For the hearty co-operation to popularize Lithia park during this last summer and for the magnificent attendance at the Springs Dedication Celebration, Ashland is under obligation to send a large delegation to the County Fair at Medford on Ashland day, Friday, September 15.

The Commercial Club has appointed the following committee to make all necessary arrangements: A. C. Nining, Frank Shinn, C. B. Lamkin and H. O. Frohbach. The committee met last Saturday and respectfully ask each and every auto owner in Ashland and vicinity to take his family to the fair on that day. Should the capacity of your auto be larger than necessary for your family, then see to it that you take your neighbors, but be sure to take a full load.

A special effort is being made this year to have an exceptionally good fair and the arrangements there are somewhat different than in former years. The agricultural, horticultural and stock displays are as usual at the fair grounds, but the fancy work and other displays of ladies are located in one of the empty store buildings in the city proper. Entertainments and exhibit of gowns on live models will take place there, and in order that the citizens of Ashland may have an opportunity to see these, a special train has been arranged for to leave Ashland from the old motor depot at 1 p. m. and on return leave

Medford at 9:30 or 10 p. m. The train from Ashland will go direct to the fair grounds, thereby saving auto hire from the city to the grounds. The train at night will leave the depot at Medford. The Southern Pacific has made a rate of one and a third fare (55 cents) for the round trip for adults and half of that for children under 12 years of age. The school board have under advisement the matter of allowing any of the pupils to be excused where the parents desire them to attend the fair on that day.

The closing of the stores on Friday afternoon will be considered by the Business Men's Association at their meeting tonight. The Ashland band in full uniform may be there. This, however, is dependent upon the action of the Business Men's Association tonight. Badges for all are being provided and every auto should display an Ashland pennant. Every one should arrange their affairs so that Ashland day at the fair will have a big attendance and appreciation be shown to Medford for what she has done for Ashland in the past.

School will be dismissed Friday noon this week in time for the school children to make train connections for Medford for the County Fair.

REUNION.

Chautauqua park is full of tents and over two hundred veterans from all over southern Oregon are gathered in Ashland for the annual reunion of the old soldiers and sailors of southern Oregon. The convention will be formally opened at the armory tonight by the Ashland band, who will play patriotic selections, following which the Coast Artillery Company will give an exhibition drill, an informal reception will be held and other features.

Stores Will Probably Close

The Commercial Club committee in charge of arrangements for Ashland day at the County Fair (next Friday) state that there is an imminent probability of the stores of the Ashland day part in the fair. Practically all of the merchants who have been interviewed have expressed their willingness to close, and indications are for a record-breaking crowd from Ashland to Medford Friday.

Harold Merrill Makes Glee Club

Harold Merrill, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Merrill of this city, has won signal honors at the University of California, where he started this fall as a freshman. Harold has been chosen for the university glee club and will take his place in the bass section. For a freshman to win a place on the glee club is considered a marked indication of more than usual ability. Mr. Merrill graduated from high school here in 1914 and sang bass in the high school quartet. He was also a prominent football man.

Revenue Stamps No Longer Required

The recent law passed by congress authorizing the discontinuance of the use of revenue stamps is now in effect. The local offices of Wells, Fargo & Co. and both the telegraph companies received notice Friday night that, beginning Saturday, the use of revenue stamps would no longer be required. The local banks received letters this morning to the same effect, so that notes and legal conveyances pass muster now without stamps.

Phone news items to the Tidings.

Water on Live Wire Injures Woman

Several days ago an Ashland woman, whose name could not be obtained, discovered a live electric wire down and burning a tree. In her effort to extinguish the blaze she threw a bucket of water on the wire. The electric current passed through the water and entered the woman's body. The results were not as serious as they might have been, but City Electrician Strickland states that it is a great wonder the woman was not badly injured. Mr. Strickland wishes to improve this opportunity to caution all people always to keep away from electric wires, for contact with them, directly or indirectly, may mean death.

Prohibition Speaker In Ashland

The advance man, Curtis P. Coe, who will arrange for the special train which will arrive next Saturday at 8 p. m. bearing Hanly and Landrith, prohibition nominees for president and vice-president of the United States, will speak at the Christian church Tuesday evening at 7:30. Everybody is invited. Curtis P. Coe is president of McMinnville College and is said to be a good speaker.

Congress Adjourned Sept. 8th, 10 A. M.

Congress adjourned at 10 a. m. September 8 after a session lasting about nine months, during which time appropriations were made to the extent of over one and one-half billion dollars. In many respects this was a record-breaking session. Over seventeen thousand bills were introduced, of which 252 became laws, and, in addition, about thirty public resolutions and 150 bills.

Rogue Fishermen Have Good Year

Mail Tribune. "It has been a prosperous year for the fishermen at the mouth of Rogue river," states George Putnam, who has returned from a trip to Gold Beach and Wedderburn. "The Macleary cannery has packed 8,000 and the Seaborg cannery 3,000 cases of salmon. The pack is not yet complete and indications promise the largest pack since the days when Hume operated the cannery, when the pack used to reach 18,000 cases.

Phone job orders to the Tidings.

Council Seeking New Dam Site

Last spring City Engineer Walker, while in the canyon, noticed a good site for building a dam and later mentioned it to Mayor Johnson, who has had in mind for some time the matter of making some provision to augment the city water supply by building a storage reservoir to tide over the dryest part of the season when the water is at the lowest stage along the latter part of August or early in September before the rains start.

Other business, celebrations and such matters have kept the council pretty busy all summer, so the engineer's report has never yet been made. However, it will be ready and will be submitted to the council at their next regular meeting a week from Tuesday.

This season there has been plenty of water both for domestic use and irrigation. In fact, there is every season if people will not waste it, though sometimes near the close of summer it has been advisable to restrict irrigation to certain hours of the day. The matter of providing storage facilities is largely a measure looking to future needs when the city becomes much larger than it is now. At present the city supply comes from the natural flow of the creek only. There is enough water in the creek with the winter and spring supply to furnish a city probably ten times as large as Ashland is at present. Consequently it seems the part of wisdom to look ahead and plan adequate storage reservoirs to catch the flow of water during the wet season so it can be available for use when needed, both for the city water system and the electric light plant. To this end the city engineer's report is desired.

Scandinavian Band Concert Sunday

On next Sunday the Ashland band will present a concert of Scandinavian music which will be something quite unusual and well worth hearing. A large attendance is anticipated and the Scandinavian society of the valley will probably attend en masse. The band has been working on the music for this concert at rehearsals throughout the summer season and has the several selections well in hand. The music for the concert was secured direct from New York and has probably never before been heard in this valley.

The concert next Sunday is the final one of the summer series. With the weather which Ashland is having at present the park is one of the most popular places in the valley, and if any possible way of continuing the concerts for at least two weeks longer can be found, the concert season should be lengthened.

The Ashland band is rounding into an organization which is easily on a par with the ordinary professional band and offers music which for quality and execution is seldom excelled. The concert last Sunday was exceptionally well received by the large crowd out. The old soldiers who are here for the reunion were in attendance in a body and especially appreciated a patriotic selection, "The Blue and Gray Patrol."

Drag in Deer By the Horns

Leaving here fresh and ambitious, Saturday noon, Cliff Jenkins and Charley Hast dragged wearily back into town Sunday evening after traveling what Cliff alleges was a distance of 475 miles. Weary as they were, they returned triumphant, for between them there swung a fine buck. They secured the buck up somewhere in the vicinity of Panther butte along early Sunday morning. The buck was a monster and the job of dragging him over into the Ashland canyon and down to Long's cabin took until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Just how big the buck was can be guessed from the fact that after dragging him for miles there still remained three points on one side and five on the other. Cliff says he wouldn't do the same stunt again for all the venison in the world.

Paulserud & Barrett have received the fall lines of fabrics for men's and ladies' suits. Drop in and see them.

John S. Herrin Dies Pioneer of 1853

John S. Herrin, for nearly sixty-three years a resident of Jackson county, died at his home at 343 North Main street in Ashland, Ore., at 10 o'clock a. m. on Friday, September 8, 1916. His age was 88 years, 9 months and 23 days.

The funeral was held from his home on Sunday, September 10, at 2 o'clock p. m. Rev. H. A. Carnahan, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church, conducted the ceremony and gave a review of the life and efforts of Mr. Herrin. This is published verbatim elsewhere in the Tidings today. The music was furnished by Earl Rasor, who sang two beautiful hymns, "My Father Knows" and "Somewhere." A large gathering of friends and neighbors and pioneers of southern Oregon gathered to pay their tribute of respect. The floral offerings were beautiful. All his sons, most of whom have been at his bedside during his final illness, were present as well as other relatives of the deceased. From out of town, besides Mr. Herrin's sons at the funeral, were his grandchildren, William Herrin, Jr., and sister, Kate Herrin of San Francisco, and Richard Dixon of Eugene. A. C. Dixon of Eugene, son-in-law of Mr. Herrin, was also present.

The pallbearers were C. H. Vaupel, C. W. Nims, W. H. Penter, T. H. Simpson, Louis Schwein and J. R. Wick. Interment was in Hargadine cemetery.

Following is a brief review of the life of Mr. Herrin:

John S. Herrin was born on a farm near Providence, Ky., on November 15, 1827. On March 10, 1853, he was married to Nancy C. Walker, who died at San Francisco September 25, 1891, while there in search of medical aid, and was buried a few days later at Ashland, Ore.

Soon after being married Mr. Herrin and his bride left for Oregon and reached the Rogue River Valley in the fall of 1853. They came by emigrant train through what is now Klamath county and crossed the sunken natural stone arch used as a bridge at the head of Tule lake. The first ranch they saw in this valley was the Barron place in the head of the valley above Ashland.

Mr. Herrin, upon arrival, took up a donation land claim near Medford's present location and farmed there until along in the eighties, when he moved to Ashland to school his children. North of Ashland across Bear creek he bought 1,500 acres of land and went into the sheep business, which he has followed actively until very recent years, when he arranged a partnership with his youngest son, who is now conducting the business.

Mr. Herrin was a man of large build, very robust and in excellent health during the greater part of his

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Farm Loan Board Members in Ashland

Three members of the Federal Farm Loan Board, George W. Norris, farm loan commissioner; Herbert Quick, writer, and W. S. A. Smith, agricultural organizer, reached Ashland about 11 a. m. Friday in automobiles from Medford. Chas. E. Lobdell, banker-farmer of the party, left last night for Kansas, where he will rejoin his associates. Secretary McDoo will join the party at Denver, having changed his route on account of his wife's sickness.

The three members spent a few minutes at the Ashland station in talking with citizens and giving out information about the plans of the board. They are now on a trip of inspection to determine the best places in which to locate the Federal Farm Loan Banks, of which there will be twelve. These are entirely independent of the Federal Reserve Banks and will be located irrespective of commercial centers, the situation of each bank to be selected altogether with reference to farm loan needs. The transactions of these banks will be largely in the nature of a mail order business and matter of location is not important. It is expected that the locations will be decided upon sometime in December and that the banks will be in operation before spring, Mr. Smith states.

Astoria flouring mills have increased their output to 1,200 barrels daily.